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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-713-i24)

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In re Application of:)	
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Chad A. Mirkin, et al.)	
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Serial No.: 09/976,617)	Examiner: J. Riley
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Filed: October 12, 2001)	Art Unit: 1637
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For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING)	Confirmation no. 2303
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated March 21, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (two months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.